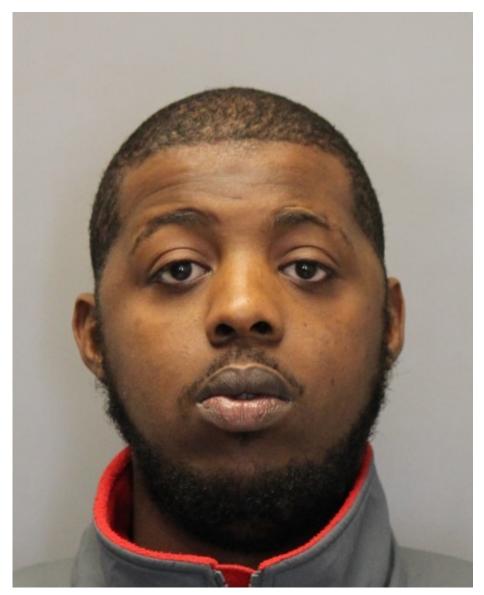
Wilmington Man Arrested after Search Reveals Gun and Heroin



Chaz A. Smith

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Wilmington (19805) - Delaware State Police have arrested a 27 year old Wilmington man after a search of his residence revealed a loaded handgun and heroin.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:00 a.m. on

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, after members of the Governor's Task Force (G.T.F.) were contacted by officers from the Division of Probation and Parole to assist them with the search of a residence located in the unit block of S. Gray Avenue, Wilmington. Upon their arrival, unit members were informed that during an Administrative Search of the residence, which was being conducted by the Probation and Parole officers, a loaded .40 caliber handgun and 52 bags of heroin were located. The officers then took the resident of the home, Chaz A. Smith, who is a Level II probationer, into custody without incident. Smith is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition due to a previous felony conviction.

G.T.F. members arrested Smith and transported him to Troop 2 where he was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Heroin, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP Court 20 and issued a \$16,500.00 secured bail. He was then committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on an Administrative Warrant issued by the Division of Probation and Parole.

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